

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: YAMAMOTO et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2010, the time for reply having been duly extended two-months until December 15, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for consideration in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed concurrently with this Amendment.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.